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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 23, 2001, the period for response having been extended two months, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) An article comprising a substrate comprising a silicon wafer and a positive resist composition comprising a novolac resin; an o-quinonediazide sulfonic acid ester or a compound having a phenolic hydroxyl group; and a thioxanthone compound represented by the following formula(I):

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